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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: NATIONAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: BIG NO AND SMALL YES TO
STRIKE

REF: STOCKHOLM 2031 (NOTAL)

1. LO NOTIFIED ITS ACCEPTANCE TODAY OF LATEST MEDIATOR PROPOSAL
AND WITHDREW ITS STRIKE NOTICE SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT AT
6:00 A.M. TOMORROW MORNING. THIS APPEARS TO REMOVE THREAT OF
GREATEST LABOUR CONFLICT THAT HAS FACED SWEDEN SINCE LAST
GENERAL STRIKE ALMOST 70 YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, MUCH SMALLER
NEGOTIATING PARTNER, PTK, WHICH SPEAKS FOR WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS
IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY, HAS DECIDED TO GO ITS OWN WAY BY REJECT-
ING PROPOSAL. AS RESULT, ABOUT 3,000 SALARIED EMPLOYEES IN
TRADE AND TRANSPORT SECTORS WILL START WALKOUT TOMORROW. IT IS
NOT CLEAR WHAT EFFECTS OF STRIKE WILL BE. FACED WITH THIS
CONFUSING SITUATION, THE EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION, SAF, HAS ASKED
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UNTIL MONDAY TO THINK SITUATION OVER AND MEDIATORS HAVE AGREED.

2. UNDER PROPOSAL, SOME ONE MILLION LO MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE
AN ANNUAL WAGE INCREASE OF ABOUT 7.4 PERCENT PLUS CHANCE OF
AN ADDITIONAL 1 PERCENT ON OCTOBER 1 IF PRICES HAVE RISEN
9 PERCENT BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND AUGUST 1. APART FROM COL
INCREASE, THIS WILL MEAN BOOST IN LABOUR COSTS OF ABOUT 11

PERCENT, INCLUDING NEW EMPLOYER PAYROLL CHARGES. INCREASE
WILL NOT BE BACK-DATED BY RUN FROM MAY 15.

3. PTK TURNDOWN WAS PRIMARILY BASED ON DISSATISFATION WITH
PROVISION GIVING WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS ONLY AN 80 RATHER THEN
100 PERCENT CATCHUP GUARANTEE WITH WAGE DRIFT IN BLUE-COLLAR
SECTOR. IT WAS ALSO FELT THAT MINIMUM WAGE HAD BEEN SET TOO LOW.

4. PARTING OF WAYS HAS BADLY DAMAGED CLOSE BARGAINING COOPERATION
BETWEEN LO AND PTK WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THIS YEAR'S
NEGOTIATIONS AND WHICH HAS TAKEN AT LEAST 20 YEARS TO DEVELOPE.
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